

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the consideration given this application and now requests reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 25-26, 30-31, 37, 41-42, and 44-46 are pending in this application, with Claims 25, 37, and 44-46 being independent. Claims 25-26, 31, 37, 42, and 44-46 have been amended. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, and no new matter has been added by the amendment.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

The Office Action rejected claims 25, 26, 30, 31, 37, 41, 42 and 44-46 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,148,377 (Carter et al., hereinafter “Carter ’377 patent”). This rejection of these claims is respectfully traversed.

Carter ’377 patent describes a computer networking system which can create and manage a virtual memory space that can be shared by each computer on the network. The virtual memory can be comprised of memory devices of computers connected to the network. However, the Carter ’377 patent does not disclose a distributed cache comprising a plurality of memory portions, each within a memory of a computer system among a plurality of computer systems connected to the network, wherein *any portion* of the distributed cache is accessible to *any* computer system connected to the network, independent of the computer system’s location, as claimed in the pending claims, as amended. While the Carter ’377 patent discloses a particular type of cache, this cache is limited to a local cache used by the computer where the cache memory device is physically located. *See, e.g.*, Carter ’377 patent, col. 3, ll. 23-26; col. 4, ll. 3-6; col. 10, ll. 13-17; col. 10, l. 45; col. 11, ll. 50-59; col. 12, ll. 9-17; col. 14, ll. 29-47; col. 14, ll. 36-44 (owner node can employ its local cache).

Applicant also notes that is not intended to indicate concurrence with the Response to Arguments, in the Office Action, in response to Applicant's previously-presented arguments (see response filed on November 5, 2007). Applicant continues to maintain that those arguments present sufficient reasons for allowance of the pending claims, even without the present amendments.

Applicant has not presented all possible arguments or may not have refuted the characterizations of either the claims or the prior art as may be found in the Office Action. However, the lack of such arguments or refutations is not intended to act as a waiver of such arguments or as concurrence with such characterizations.

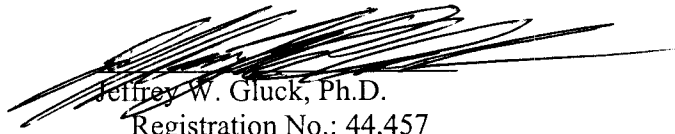
Conclusion

Applicant believes that the above amendments and remarks address all of the grounds for rejection and place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests favorable consideration of this response and reconsideration of this application.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that a personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

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